

HOUSE No. 4969

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, August 4, 2010.

The committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy to whom was referred the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1152) of Brian S. Dempsey and Michael W. Morrissey relative to establishing a renewable portfolio standard for new baseload low cost renewable energy; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3055) of Bruce J. Ayers for legislation to further regulate the operation of cable television systems; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3056) of Ruth B. Balser and others for legislation to require that utility companies report certain charges assessed to consumers to fund local energy conservation and environmental programs; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3057) of Carlo P. Basile and others relative to the definition of beverage containers and reinstatement of the clean environment fund; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3058) of John J. Binienda and others for legislation to require retailers to retain certain records relative to the purchase by consumers of prepaid cell phones; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3059) of John J. Binienda and John P. Fresolo relative to the disclosure of motor fuel pricing policies by suppliers to retail dealers; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3060) of Daniel E. Bosley for legislation to regulate the removal of double electric street poles; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3061) of Daniel E. Bosley for legislation to regulate staffing levels to enhance the delivery of reliable and high quality utility service in the Commonwealth; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3062) of Garrett J. Bradley and Robert L. Hedlund relative to including certain beverage containers in the "bottle law", so-called; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3063) of Antonio F. D. Cabral and Benjamin Swan for legislation to require disclosure by refiners and distributors of wholesale motor fuel pricing policies; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3064) of Steven J. D'Amico and others for legislation to limit outdoor night lighting, conserve energy and reduce light pollution; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3065) of Brian S. Dempsey Relative to comprehensive wind energy siting reform; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3068) of Joseph R. Driscoll, Jr. for legislation to promote innovation, broadband deployment and investment in internet protocol services; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3069) of Lori Erlich and others that energy generating facilities constructed or commencing operation on and after January first, two thousand ten shall not utilize or gasify coal; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3070) of James H. Fagan for legislation to amend the advertising and bidding requirements for municipal lighting plants; the petition (accompanied by bill, House,

No. 3071) of James H. Fagan relative to protecting certain trade secrets and proprietary information of municipal lighting plants; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3072) of James H. Fagan for legislation to authorize municipal light departments to conduct co-op training programs; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3073) of James H. Fagan that cities and towns with municipal gas or electric departments be authorized to issue additional revenue bonds; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3074) of James H. Fagan relative to the indebtedness of municipal lighting plants; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3075) of James H. Fagan relative to broadband telecommunications security; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3076) of James H. Fagan that the Department of Public Utilities require cable companies to provide notification of service, package or billing procedure changes; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3077) of Christopher G. Fallon for legislation to expand the definition of "beverage containers" under the bottle bill, so-called; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3078) of Robert F. Fennell and others for legislation to prohibit telecommunication carriers to provide additional services without prior approval of subscribers; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3079) of Colleen M. Garry relative to the deposit system and recycling of containers under the "bottle law" so-called; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3080) of William G. Greene, Jr. and Geraldo Alicea for legislation to prohibit the construction of new carbon-based power generating plants; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3081) of Denis E. Guyer and others for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) of ways to preserve and enhance safe and efficient transmission of electric power in the Commonwealth; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3082) of Denis E. Guyer and Tom Sannicandro for legislation to improve recycling programs in cities and towns and in the schools of the Commonwealth; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3085) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and others relative to directing the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development to study the cost reliability and economic impact of electricity; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3086) of Michael F. Kane relative to the replacement of gas meters; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3088) of Jay R. Kaufman relative to the underground storage tank petroleum product cleanup fund; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3089) of Peter V. Kocot that the Renewable Energy Trust Fund be authorized to award grants for the development of farm-based renewable energy; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3090) of Paul Kujawski for legislation to regulate the retail sale of motor fuel at prices below the cost paid by retail dealers; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3091) of Paul Kujawski for legislation to prevent fraud in beverage container redemption by regulating machines used in processing said containers; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3092) of Ronald Mariano and Joyce A. Spiliotis for legislation to reestablish the water meter modernization grant program administered by the Department of Environmental Protection; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3093) of James M. Murphy relative to increasing the fines for violations of orders imposed by the Energy Facilities Siting Board; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3095) of James M. Murphy relative to defining green energy initiatives for community preservation; the

petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3096) of David M. Nangle and others for legislation to promote fairness in gasoline product marketing and sales; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3097) of David M. Nangle and Steven C. Panagiotakos for legislation to prohibit advance billing by cable television companies; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3098) of Harold P. Naughton, Jr. relative to telecommunications professionals; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3099) of Matthew C. Patrick and others for legislation to impose a fee on the sale of oil heating fuel to provide for the establishment of an oil heat energy efficiency program; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3100) of Matthew C. Patrick and others relative to the cost of new electrical transmissions; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3101) of Matthew C. Patrick and others that the Secretary of Energy and the Environment be directed to develop a plan to retrofit existing residential buildings in the Commonwealth to meet energy efficiency requirements; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3102) of Matthew C. Patrick and others that the Department of Public Utilities be directed to conduct hearings in areas potentially affected by new electric transmission projects; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3104) of Vincent A. Pedone for legislation to establish a utility safety fund to provide for the immediate relief of municipalities impacted by utility outages; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3105) of Alice Hanlon Peisch for legislation to further regulate the leasing of telephone equipment; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3108) of Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., for legislation to require cell phone carriers to notify public safety governmental customers of cities and towns relative to the termination of telephone services used by such employees; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3109) of John F. Quinn relative to customer service of telecommunication companies; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3110) of Kathi-Anne Reinstein and others for legislation to require utility companies to send prepaid postage envelopes on request for payments made to persons sixty-five years of age or over; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3111) of Kathi-Anne Reinstein relative to the offering of discounts to subscribers by licensees of cable antenna television systems; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3112) of Kathi-Anne Reinstein relative to community antenna television system rates; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3113) of Pam Richardson and others relative to reusable beverage containers; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3114) of Rosemary Sandlin for legislation to prohibit television service providers from charging for more than one cable box per household; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3115) of Angelo M. Scaccia for legislation to require public telephones to be equipped with hearing amplification devices; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3116) of Angelo M. Scaccia for legislation to require telephone companies to enlarge the type size of printing used in telephone directories; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3118) of Angelo M. Scaccia that provision be made for reduced telephone rates for deaf residents of the Commonwealth; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3120) of Carl M. Sciortino, Jr. and others relative to utility pole replacement; the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3121) of Carl M. Sciortino, Jr., Patricia D. Jehlen and others relative to energy efficient construction; the petition (accompanied

by bill, House, No. 3122) of Carl M. Sciortino, Jr., Patricia D. Jehlen and others for legislation to promote economic development through renewable energy production; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3123) of Carl M. Sciortino, Jr. and others for legislation to allow customers to refuse to receive telephone directories; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3125) of Thomas M. Stanley and others for legislation to expand the definition of "beverage containers" under the bottle bill, so-called; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3126) of William M. Straus relative to energy efficiency in construction, renovation or expansion of schools and libraries; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3127) of William M. Straus and Michael F. Rush for legislation to authorize the secretary of environmental affairs to enter into certain leases and establishing a renewable energy generation fund; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3128) of William M. Straus relative to distributed generation of electricity; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3130) of Walter F. Timilty and others for legislation to prohibit deceptive practices by providers of cellular telephone services; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3131) of Timothy J. Toomey, Jr. and others relative to consumer choice of electricity from renewable sources; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3132) of Martin J. Walsh relative to the delivery of utility services in the Commonwealth; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3133) of Steven M. Walsh and others to establish a cell phone users' bill of rights; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3134) of Martin J. Walsh relative to utility service in the commonwealth; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3135) of Martin J. Walsh relative to corrosion and leak surveys; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3136) of Martin J. Walsh relative to the storage of liquified natural gas; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3137) of Alice K. Wolf and others for legislation to improve recycling rates in the Commonwealth by providing recycling containers adjacent to beverage vending machines; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3511) of John J. Binienda and others for legislation to require the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority to provide alternative fuel at facilities of said authority; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3512) of Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera and others relative to the definition of "beverage" under the bottle law, so-called; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3513) of Michael A. Costello relative to further regulating utility companies; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3514) of Michael A. Costello for legislation to require that marketing companies or other competitive or unregulated operations or entities of electric or gas companies shall be considered affiliates; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3762) of Mary E. Grant and others relative to energy efficient lighting, energy conservation and light pollution reduction; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3764) of Allen J. McCarthy and others relative to energy efficient lighting, energy conservation and light pollution reduction; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3765) of Michael J. Rodrigues and Geraldo Alicea relative to choice and comthe petition for cable service; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3766) of Thomas M. Stanley and others relative to the use of double electric utility poles; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3849) of Stephen L. DiNatale and Robert L. Rice, Jr. relative to public utility shareholders dividends; the petition (accompanied by bill,

House, No. 3850) of Stephen L. DiNatale and others relative to estimated gas and electric bills; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3851) of Stephen L. DiNatale and others relative to penalties for failing to comply with Department of Telecommunications and Energy orders; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3982) of Paul K. Frost for legislation to authorize cities and towns to borrow from the Commonwealth without interest for green energy programs for such municipalities; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3983) of Jay R. Kaufman relative to the rights of public agencies receiving street lighting services in cities and towns; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3984) of Peter Noyes for legislation to permit cable companies to market and provide any and all of its products; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3985) of Maureen Kane for legislation to prohibit propane gas suppliers from shutting off fuel supplies during the winter months; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3986) of Todd M. Smola relative to fuel additives contained in Diesel fuel; reports recommending that the accompanying order (House, No. 4969) ought to be adopted.

For the committee,

BARRY R. FINEGOLD.

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In the Year Two Thousand and Ten

Order relative to authorizing the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy to make an investigation and study of certain House documents.